



State Energy Justice Roundtable
Hall of the States, Washington, DC
April 21-22, 2022

Attendees:

- NARUC, NASEO, and NGA state members by invitation
- Invited energy justice experts & community group leaders
- Limited NARUC, NASEO, NGA staff

NARUC-NASEO-NGA Goal: Support members in developing and meeting their state goals around **energy justice**

Event Objectives:

- Articulate intentions and goals of state energy justice efforts
- Establish collective understanding of needs, existing resources, and emerging efforts related to a subset of energy justice issues
- Examine why and how changes could be made
- Gather feedback on needs and direction for future work
- Facilitate connections among members & community groups for ongoing peer support

Approach:

- Distributional Justice – Whether all share in the benefits and burden of the energy system¹
- Procedural Justice – Participation of individuals in decision-making processes²
- Restorative Justice – aims to repair the harm done to people (and/or society/nature)³
- Recognition Justice – Acknowledgement of marginalized and/or disadvantaged groups in relation to energy systems⁴

Participants at the roundtable will focus their time on exploring four energy justice topics that are relevant to state energy decision makers, using the framework of the pillars. The agenda also includes time for elevating additional energy justice topics that are important to states and community groups.

Two distributional justice topics:

1. **Arrearages and affordability** (e.g., impacts to vulnerable customers, innovative financial and programmatic assistance for low- and moderate-income customers, disconnection moratoria)

Key Terminology

For the purposes of this roundtable event, the hosts propose a working definition of **energy justice** as:

The goal of achieving equity in both the social and economic participation in the energy system, while also remediating social, economic, and health burdens on those historically harmed by the energy system. Energy justice explicitly centers the concerns of marginalized communities and aims to make energy more accessible, affordable, clean, reliable, resilient, and managed by and for all communities.

Definition adapted from the [Initiative for](#)

¹ Initiative for Energy Justice

² Initiative for Energy Justice

³ <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2017.03.018>

⁴ Ibid.

2. **Equity in Clean Energy Research, Development, and Deployment** (e.g., equitable access to distributed energy resources [DERs] and integrating equity into clean energy technology development))

Two procedural justice topics:

1. **Participation in decision-making** (e.g., stakeholder engagement approaches, role and funding for consumer advocates and community representatives, intervenor compensation, procedural considerations)
2. **Energy justice metrics** (e.g., importance of measuring equity, which metrics, what data, how to integrate into decision making)

NARUC, NASEO, and NGA have prepared a brief, written background document that provides foundational information on each of the four topics in advance of the event. These materials will be referenced during the roundtable, so participants should review in advance. [View the backgrounder here.](#)

STATE ENERGY JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE Washington, DC <i>Overview of Agenda Timing</i>	
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 No scheduled events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel day• Arrive at Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
Thursday, April 21, 2022 8:30am - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk to Hall of the States, 444 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20001 (around the corner from hotel)• Registration and breakfast• Full group roundtable with state and expert presentations and discussion on four topics• Breaks and lunch• Small group breakouts on two topics: affordability and equity in clean energy• Optional no-host group dinner
Friday, April 22, 2022 8:30am - 2:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast• Small group breakouts on two topics: participation in decision making and metrics• Breaks and lunch• Full group roundtable discussion on community engagement, next steps, and direction for future work• Depart for airport / train station

For everyone's health and safety, we are requiring that all participants wear a mask indoors for the duration of the Roundtable when not actively eating or drinking. Masks will be provided on-site.



STATE ENERGY JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE Hall of the States, Washington, DC <i>Detailed Agenda</i>	
Thursday, April 21, 2022	
8:30 - 9:00am	<i>Arrival and Breakfast</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check in / pick up name tags
9:00 - 9:30am	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground rules and overview of goals, objectives, agenda • Introductions
9:30 - 10:00am	Energy Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounding and discussion of working definition
10:00 - 10:45am	State of the States: Arrearages & Affordability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review background; hear from experts, states, and participants
10:45 - 11:00am	<i>Break</i>
11:00 - 11:45am	State of the States: Equity in Clean Energy Research, Development, and Deployment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review background; hear from experts, states, and participants
11:45am - 12:45pm	<i>Lunch Break (onsite)</i>
12:45 - 1:30pm	State of the States: Participation in Decision Making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review background; hear from experts, states, and participants
1:30 - 2:15pm	State of the States: Energy Justice Metrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review background; hear from experts, states, and participants
2:15 - 2:30pm	<i>Break</i>
2:30 - 4:30pm (break as needed)	Charting a Path: join one breakout session to explore options for action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrearages & Affordability • Equity in Clean Energy Research, Development, and Deployment
4:30 - 5:00pm	Illuminating the Paths: Breakout Session Takeaways
5:30 - 6:30pm	Optional Group Dinner – <i>Café Fili, 701 2nd Street NE</i>

Friday, April 22, 2022	
8:30 - 9:00am	<i>Arrival and Breakfast</i>
9:00 - 9:15am	Welcome back and overview of the day
9:15 - 11:15am (<i>break as needed</i>)	Charting a Path: join one breakout session to explore options for action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in Decision Making • Metrics
11:15 - 11:45am	Illuminating the Paths: Breakout Session Takeaways
11:45am - 12:30pm	<i>Lunch Break (onsite)</i>
12:30 - 1:15pm	Moving Forward: Engaging Communities
1:15 - 1:45pm	Reflections on Themes and Potential Future Work
1:45 - 2:00pm	Next Steps and Wrap Up
2:00pm	Adjourn (groups to airport / train station)